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SUBJECT: FAO 1980-81 BUDGET: REAL PROGRAM GROWTH

REF: A) STATE 159970; B) STATE 160600; C) ROME 10262

1. REF A ARRIVED HELPFULLY IN TIME FOR US REP'S USE AT JUNE 27
ROME GENEVA GROUP BUT THERE WAS NO VISIBLE EVIDENCE THAT
DEPARTMENT'S JUNE 23 INSTRUCTION (REF B) IN RESPONSE TO OUR
MAY 30 APPEAL (REF C) WAS SUFFICIENTLY TIMELY TO IMPACT
ON UK REP'S POSITION AT MTG.

2. FOLLOWING REPORTS OF SUB-COMMITTEES AND DISCUSSION OF
WORLD FOOD COUNCIL MEETING (SEPTEL) GROUP ADDRESSED INDICATIVE
TARGET ISSUE AT SUGGESTION OF CO-CHAIRMAN AND AGREED ON FOLLOW-
ING SENSE OF MEETING AS FORMULATED BY U.S. REP. "SENSE OF THE
GENEVA GROUP MEETING OF JUNE 27 ON WHAT SHOULD BE THE BASIS OF
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A SEPTEMBER APPROACH TO THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL IS THAT WE SHOULD
DEFINE THE PROBLEM TO OUR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS WITHIN THE
FOLLOWING PARAMETERS:

A. THE BASE FROM WHICH WE SHOULD CALCULATE NET REAL
PROGRAM GROWTH SHOULD BE THE 1978-79 BUDGET WITH COST OF NON-
RECURRING ITEMS SUBTRACTED (GG SUBCOMMITTEE ON FINANCE WILL

IDENTIFY THESE).

B. IN CALCULATING WHAT IS INCLUDED IN NET REAL PROGRAM GROWTH, WE SHOULD OMIT 1980-81 COST GROWTH DERIVING FROM THE ANNUALIZATION OF THE LEVEL OF THE COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES ARRIVED AT DURING THE PRESENT BIENNINUM.

C. IN SEEKING OUR GOVERNMENTS' ADVICE, WE SHOULD BEAR IN MIND NOT ONLY THE CONSULTATIVE GROUP'S VIEW IN THE FALL OF 1977 THAT NET REAL PROGRAM GROWTH SHOULD BE AS NEAR TO ZERO AS POSSIBLE BUT ALSO ITS ENDORSEMENT AT ITS MAY 1978 MEETING OF THE 2 PERCENT/ANNUUM NET REAL PROGRAM GROWTH TO WHICH THE WHO EXECUTIVE BOARD HAS AGREED.

D. IN STRESSING TO THEIR GOVERNMENTS THE IMPORTANCE OF TAKING A GROUP POSITION ON NET REAL PROGRAM GROWTH FOR THE NEXT BIENNINUM, MEMBERS MAY WISH TO NOTE VARIOUS AREAS FROM WHICH WE CAN EXPECT PROPOSALS TO INCREASE CERTAIN PROGRAMS. THESE INCLUDE -

ADDITIONAL LANGUAGES
NUTRITION (AD HOC COMMITTEE PROPOSALS)
TCP (SPECIFIC GROWTH LIMIT DESIRED?)
CROPS (PERSONNEL TO IMPLEMENT PHL ACTIVITIES)
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REGIONAL FISHERIES ORGANIZATION (COFI)
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RURAL DEVELOPMENT/AGRARIAN
U.N. CENTER (SEE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT, U.S. REP STATED U.S. OPPOSITION).

3. DISCUSSION LEADING UP TO THIS RESULT SHOWED GERMANY, CANADA, JAPAN AND U.S. SUPPLYING THE PRESSURE FOR AN EARLY SEPTEMBER GG APPROACH TO DG WHICH WOULD REINFORCE BUDGETARY CONSERVATISM WHICH (ACCORDING TO ADG WEST'S REMARKS TO BAKER JUNE 26) STILL CHARACTERIZED SAOUWA APPROACH TO BUDGET. BAKER ARGUED THAT SINCE DG ASSUMING THAT GG POSITION AT NOVEMBER CONFERENCE WAS SERIOUS ONE, WE SHOULD NOT FAIL TO PROVIDE HIM FRESH EVIDENCE BEFORE ARTICULATION OF THIS THINKING TO OCTOBER PROGRAM AND FINANCE COMMITTEES AND NOVEMBER FAO COUNTIL TAKES FINAL FORM.

4. ONLY HEDGING REGARDING EFFORT TO AGREE ON A TARGET FIGURE CAME FROM NETHERLANDS REP WHO TALKED ABOUT A CAUTIONARY EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH DG AND STRESS ON PLACING GROWTH AND REDUCTIONS IN CONTEXT BETTER-DEFINED MEDIUM TERM OBJECTIVES BUT FELT DISCUSSING INDICATIVE PERCENTAGE GROWTH IN ABSENCE OF BETTER DETAIL ABOUT BUDGET WAS NOT DESIRABLE. UK REP AGAIN RECALLED JUDITH HART'S REFERENCE OF UN TO PLANNED UK NET REAL

GROWTH OF 6 PERCENT/ANNUM ON UK'S ODA BUT U.S. AND CANADA REPS
OBSERVED THAT FAO REGULAR BUDGET NOT REALLY A CHANNEL FOR
DELIVERY OF ODA, CANADA NOTING THAT ONLY TECHNICAL COOPERATION
PROGRAM (TCP) (12PERCENT OF BUDGET) FELL IN THAT CATEGORY. FRENCH

REP MADE WIDELY RECOGNIZED POINT THAT 2 PERCENT WAS AS "CLOSE AS
POSSIBLE" TO 0 PERCENT GROWTH" AS WAS NOW POLITICALLY REALISTIC
AT FAO GIVEN WHO PRECEDENT AND CONTINUAL DG STRESS THAT FOOD AT
LEAST AS FUNDAMENTAL A HUMAN NEED AS HEALTH.

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5. CANADA REP, ON INSTRUCTIONS, RECALLED THE FALL 1977 TARGET
AS CLOSE TO ZERO GROWTH AS POSSIBLE AND JAPANESE REP FAVORED, ON
INSTRUCTION, PERCENTAGE GROWTH OF 1 TO 2 PERCENT/ANNUM WITH A
FIRM LIMIT OF 10 PERCENT GROWTH OF TCP. AUSTRALIA HAD INSTRUCTIONS
PERMITTING IT TO ACCEPT 2 OR 3 PERCENT/ANNUM. NEW ZEALAND AND ITALY
SILENT, WHILE BELGIUM, SWITZERLAND, SWEDEN ABSENT.

6. COMMENT: IN OUR VIEW, WE HAVE RATHER A NARROW RANGE OF
CHOICE IN THIS EXERCISE. UNLESS WE CAN MAKE EFFECTIVE CHANGE IN
GON POSITION WORKING THROUGH DUTCH FOREIGN MINISTRY, OR PERHAPS
EVEN FINANCE MINISSTRY, WHICH REPORTEDLY NOW SHARPLY CUTTING DOMESTIC
BUDGET, IT IS UNLIKELY WE WILL BE ABLE TO HAVE DUTCH SUPPORT AND
PARTICIPATION, CERTAINLY NOT FOR ANY FIGURE BELOW THE WHO PRECEDENT.
UK WILL CERTAINLY NOT WISH TO BE LINKED TO A POSITION AS LOW AS

2 PERCENT/ANNUM UNLESS FONOFF CAN IMPACT ON PECKHAM'S INSTRUCTIONS.
AND EVEN FRENCH REP BELIVES IT UNREALISTIC TO GO BELOW WHO PRECEDENT.
ON THE OTHER HAND, IF WE GO ABOVE 2-1/2 PERCENT/ANNUM THIS EARLY
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IN GAME BEFORE PRESSURES COME IN ON VARIOUS PROGRAMS, WE WILL HAVE
GIVEN TOO MUCH GROUND TOO EARLY AND IT QUESTIONABLE WHETHER
EXERCISE WORTHWHILE.

IF WE CAN GET SOME SUPPORT FROM EMBASSY LONDON AND EMBASSY
HAGUE AT LEAST GETTING UK AND NETHERLANDS ON BOARD WITH WHO
PRECEDENT, OUR INCLINATION WOULD BE TO ARGUE TO GENEVA GROUP THAT
IN EXCLUDING IMPACT OF ANNUALIZATION OF COUNTRY REP PROGRAM
FROM CALCULATION OF NET REAL PROGRAM GROWTH WE WILL BE GIVING
FAO A BREAK OF BETWEEN .5 AND 1 PERCENT AND THAT THEREFORE NET REAL
PROGRAM GROWTH OF BETWEEN 3 ND 4 PERCENT FOR BIENNUM WOULD BE
AN APPROPRIATE POSTURE. HOWEVER, THERE IS NO ASSURANCE WE CAN
GET AGREEMENT AT A LEVEL BELOW 4 PERCENT FOR BIENNIA. 5 PERCENT
MORE LIKELY.

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING JULY 4 TO IDENTIFY FURTHER EXACT
LEVEL OF BASE. GG MEETING SET FOR 9:30 A.M. JULY 19. FODAG
WILL PROCEED ALONG LINES INDICATED ABOVE UNLESS OTHERWISE
INSTRUCTED. IF DEPARTMENT CHOOSES TO INSTRUCT POSTS TO WEIGH IN,
SUGGEST THIS BE DONE BY JULY 10 AT LATEST.GARDNER

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